

well as against employees of the agency to the extent that the process relates to the official functions of the employees.

(b) When accepting service of process for an employee in his/her official capacity, the General Counsel or his/her designee shall endorse on the server's return of process form, registered mail receipt, certified mail receipt, or express mail receipt: "Service accepted in official capacity only."

(c) Process shall be delivered to:

Mailing address: Office of the General Counsel, United States Information Agency, 301 Fourth Street SW., Washington, DC 20547

Location: Office of the General Counsel, United States Information Agency, 301 Fourth Street SW., Room 700 Washington, DC 20547.

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§511.1 Definitions.

Agency. Agency means the United States Information Agency.

Act. Act means the Federal Tort Claims Act, as amended, and codified in 28 U.S.C., sections 2671-2680.

§511.2 Scope of regulations.

The regulations in this part shall apply only to claims asserted under the Federal Tort Claims Act, as amended, or as incorporated by reference in any

appropriation Act or other statutes, for money damages against the United States for injury, loss of property, personal injury, or death caused by the negligent or wrongful act or omission of any employee of the Agency while acting within the scope of his/her office or employment, under circumstances where the United States, if a private person, would be liable to the claimant in accordance with the law of the place where the act or omission occurred.

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§511.3 Exceptions.

Claims not compensable hereunder are listed in 2680 of the Act with the exception that 2680(k) (claims arising in a foreign country) has been removed by 22 U.S.C. 1474(5).

[44 FR 16374, Mar. 19, 1979]

§511.4 Administrative claim; when presented.

(a) For the purposes of the provisions of section 2672 of the Act and of this part, a claim shall be deemed to have been presented when the Agency receives, in the office designated in paragraph (b) of this section, an executed "Claim for Damage or Injury", Standard Form 95, or other written notification of an incident, accompanied by a claim for money damages in a sum certain, for injury to or loss of property, personal injury or death, alleged to have occurred by reason of the incident. The claimant may, if he/she desires, file a brief with his/her claim setting forth the law or other arguments in support of his/her claim. In cases involving claims by more than one person arising from a single accident or incident, individual claim forms shall be used. A claim which should have been presented to the Agency, but which was mistakenly addressed to or filed with another Federal Agency, shall be deemed to have been presented to the Agency as of the date the claim is received by the Agency. If a claim is mistakenly addressed to or filed with the Agency, the Agency shall transfer it forthwith to the appropriate Agency.

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(b) A claimant shall mail, or deliver his/her claim to the Office of the General Counsel and Congressional Liaison, United States Information Agency, 301 4th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547.

[34 FR 20430, Dec. 31, 1969, as amended at 51 FR 11016, Apr. 1, 1986]

§ 511.5 Who may file claim.

(a) Claims for loss or damage of property may be filed by the owner of the property, or his/her legal representatives. Claims for personal injury or death may be made by the injured person or a legal representative of the injured or deceased person. The claim, if filed by a legal representative, should show the capacity of the person signing and be accompanied by evidence of this authority to act.

(b) The claim and all other papers requiring the signature of the claimant should be signed by him/her personally or by his/her representative. Signatures should be identical throughout.

§ 511.6 Agency authority to adjust, determine, compromise, and settle claims and limitations upon that authority.

(a) The General Counsel of the Agency, or his/her designee, is delegated authority to consider, ascertain, adjust, determine, compromise, and settle claims asserted under the provisions of section 2672 of the Act and under this part.

(b) Limitation on Agency authority: An award, compromise, or settlement of a claim by the Agency under the provisions of section 2672 of the Act, in excess of \$25,000, shall be effected only with the prior written approval of the Attorney General or his/her designee.

§ 511.7 Investigations.

The Agency may request any other Federal agency to investigate a claim filed under section 2672 of the Act, or to conduct a physical or mental examination of the claimant and provide a report of such examination.

§ 511.8 Limitations.

(a) Pursuant to the provisions of section 2401(b) of title 28 of the United States Code, a tort claim against the United States shall be forever barred

unless presented in writing to the Agency within two (2) years after such claim accrues.

(b) A suit may not be filed until the claim shall have been finally denied by the Agency. Failure of the Agency to make final disposition of the claim within six (6) months after it has been presented shall, at the option of the claimant any time thereafter, be deemed a final denial of the claim for purposes of the Act and of this part.

(c) A suit shall not be filed for a sum greater than the amount of the claim presented to the Agency, except where the increased amount is based upon newly discovered evidence not reasonably discoverable at the time for presenting the claim to the Agency, or upon allegation and proof of intervening facts, relating to amount of the claim.

§ 511.9 Supporting evidence.

(a) In support of claims for personal injury or death, the claimant should submit a written report by the attending physician. The report should show the nature and extent of injury, the nature and extent of treatment, the effect upon earning capacity, either temporarily or permanently, the degree of permanent disability, if any, the prognosis, and the period of hospitalization, or incapacitation. Itemized bills for medical, hospital, or burial expenses actually incurred should be attached to report.

(b) In support of claims for damage to property which as been or can be economically repaired, the claimant should submit at least two itemized signed statements, or estimates by reliable, disinterested firms or itemized signed receipts if payment has been made.

(c) In support of claims for loss or damage to property which is not economically repairable, the claimant should submit statements of the original cost of the property, date of purchase, and the value of the property before and after the accident together with a statement setting forth the basis used in arriving at such value. Such statements should be from at least two disinterested, competent persons, preferably reputable dealers or

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other qualified persons familiar with the type of property in question.

§ 511.10 Settlement of claim.

The General Counsel will review the findings from the standpoint of questions of law applicable to the claim and will determine disposition. The General Counsel will make final review for settlement of the claim and will sign SF-1145, Voucher for Payment Under Federal Tort Claims Act, and forward it to the Financial Operations Division for payment of claim. Payment of any award or settlement in the amount of \$2,500 or less will be authorized from the appropriation and allotment current for obligation on the date of settlement irrespective of when the cause of action arose. Payment of any award, compromise or settlement in an amount in excess of \$2,500, shall be paid in a manner similar to judgments and compromises out of the appropriation provided by section (c), Pub. L. 89-506 (28 U.S.C. 2672).

§ 511.11 Acceptance of award.

The acceptance by the claimant of any award will be final and conclusive on the claimant. The acceptance will constitute a complete release of any claim by reason of the same subject matter against the United States and against the employee whose act or omission resulted in the claim. Adjudication and payment shall likewise be conclusive on all officers of the United States, unless procured by fraud.

§ 511.12 When litigation is involved in claim.

If a claimant does not agree to a settlement of a claim of which is considered fair and equitable by the Agency's responsible officials, the claimant, upon the final disposition thereof by the Agency, may elect to file suit. Relief from claims which are disallowed may be sought by filing suit in the U.S. District Court for the district where the claimant resides or wherein the act of omission complained of occurred. The failure of the Agency to make final disposition of a claim within 6 months after it has been filed shall, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2672, and at the option of the claimant at any time thereafter, be deemed a final denial of the claim. If a

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suit is filed against the Government involving the Agency, the Department of Justice will request the Agency to furnish the complete file on the case. The Office of the General Counsel will represent the Agency in all negotiations with the Department of Justice.

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